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Harvard Professor Got CIA Funds

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 13—Questions about Central Intelligence Agency funding at Harvard were raised for the second time in recent months today after another professor acknowledged doing research for the agency without notifying university officials.

Samuel Huntington, a professor of government and director of the university's Center for International Affairs, said he believes he did not violate any guidelines because he only was assisting another scholar, Richard K. Betts, who was not a Harvard employee.

He said the research on the demise of authoritarian rulers was commissioned by the CIA in 1984. A condensed version of the report—"Dead Dictators and Rioting Mobs"—appears in the winter edition of International Security, a journal that is edited and sponsored by Harvard.

Harvard Dean A. Michael Spence said in a brief written statement today that Huntington told him orally of the CIA-funded research in the fall of 1985. Spence could not be reached for further comment.

Harvard does not prohibit its professors from working for the CIA; but it requires them to notify the school in writing about such activities.

In the earlier case, Prof. Nadav Safran, director of Harvard's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, acknowledged accepting two CIA grants totaling \$153,000. A university investigation led to Safran's resignation as director of the center, effective in June. He remains a tenured professor at Harvard.

The questions about Huntington's research were raised as the CIA announced it will no longer require university researchers sponsored by the agency to keep its support secret, unless the work involves classified information.

However, Robert Gates, CIA deputy director for intelligence, accused Harvard of threatening academic freedom. "The university steps on precarious ground and threatens academic freedom itself by restricting what organizations a scholar may talk to, especially if one of the organizations is a branch of the government," he said in a speech at the university.